

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Davis House, 7430 Walker Mill Rd Survey Number: PG: 72-47

Project: Metrorail Extension: Addison Rd. to Largo Agency: MTA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no      yes Name                      Date                     

Eligibility recommended              Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria:     A     B     C     D Considerations:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G     None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Davis House is located at the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Shady Glen Drive behind a modern house that fronts on Walker Mill Drive, just outside Seat Pleasant, in Prince George's County, MD. The house is vacant and in deteriorating condition and does not qualify for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Probably built in the first decade of this century, the Davis House is a two-story, central-passage frame dwelling. It is set upon a brick pier foundation, is clad with German siding and is covered with a gable roof, featuring a central front gable. A single-story porch with a half-hipped roof extends across the central bay of the facade, which was originally five bays wide, but has been reduced to three by the elimination of window openings on the first and second stories. A small, one-room shed addition projects from the rear elevation of the house. The original five-panel wood door and its transom is intact, as are the typical 2/2 windows.

The house is a representative example of the vernacular domestic building forms of the period and is well-represented in the region and in this area of Prince George's County. The house lacks the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and does not, therefore, qualify for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Margaret Slater, Historic Preservation Specialist, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 20, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes      no      not applicable

Margaret Slater 6/21/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**I. Geographic Region:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

**III. Prehistoric Period Themes:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaptation

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY:** 7430 Walker Hill Drive, Vicinity Of Seat Pleasant,  
Prince Georges County

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN**

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Development Periods:	Industrial/Urban Dominance
Historic Period Themes:	Architecture/Agriculture
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Transitional Rural/Urban
Historic Functions/Uses:	Residence
Design Source:	unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 72-47

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Davis House

**2. Location**

street & number 7430 Walker Mill Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Seat Pleasant ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Arthur A. and Dorothy E. Davis

street & number 7430 Walker Mill Drive telephone no.:

city, town Seat Pleasant state and zip code MD 20743

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's Co. Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house at 7430 Walker Mill Drive is an I-house built around the turn of the century. This vacant house stands close to the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Shady Glen Drive behind a modern house that fronts on Walker Mill Drive. The house stands in a clearing but to the front of the house and also to the north of the house along Central Avenue, there is some vegetation consisting of low shrubs and medium size trees.

The two-story structure is a ca. 1900-1910 I-house. It rests on a brick foundation and has novelty board siding (except for the north gable end which has asbestos shingle siding) and an asphalt shingled gable roof with a central front gable on the west facade. A central brick flue is found on the ridge line. The three-bay front elevation is symmetrical with its original five-panel wood door and transom above. A single window is on each side of the door. The sash within the window openings on these and most other windows on the structure is modern replacement sash. Several window openings have obviously been shortened and infilled below the modern windows with board siding. A hipped roofed porch has a wood deck on brick piers, slender post supports with beveled bases and caps and a simple wood rail and balusters. A diamond shaped vent is found in the central gable. Each end elevation has a single window on each floor and a rectangular vent above. The three-bay rear elevation has a one-story shed addition encompassing two bays and a window in the third bay. On the second story are three windows. The interior was inaccessible.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The house at 7430 Walker Mill Drive is an early 20th century I-house, a house type common in Prince George's County. The house has undergone numerous alterations including new windows installed in larger original window openings.

The farmhouse appears to have been constructed around the turn of the century. Like the nearby I-house at 7308 Central Avenue, this may have originally served as a tenant farmers house. According to local tradition, it is associated with the farmhouse at 7770 Walker Mill Drive, another turn of the century farmhouse that has experienced extensive alterations. Around the 1950s, A.A. Davis constructed a small minimal traditional type house on the this small lot at the far northwest corner of the old farm. The farmhouse now stands vacant behind the 1950s house.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 72-47

Prince George's County Land Records  
Files, Prince George's County Historical Commission

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .49 Tax Map 66, parcel 179  
Quadrangle name Washington East DC-MD Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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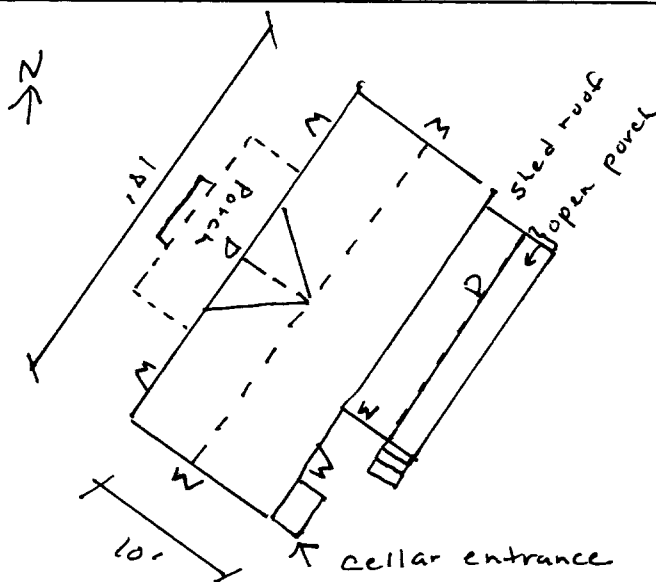
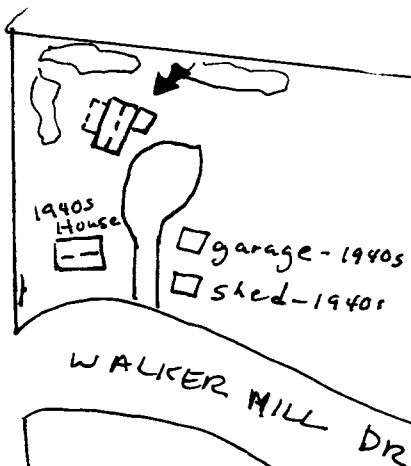
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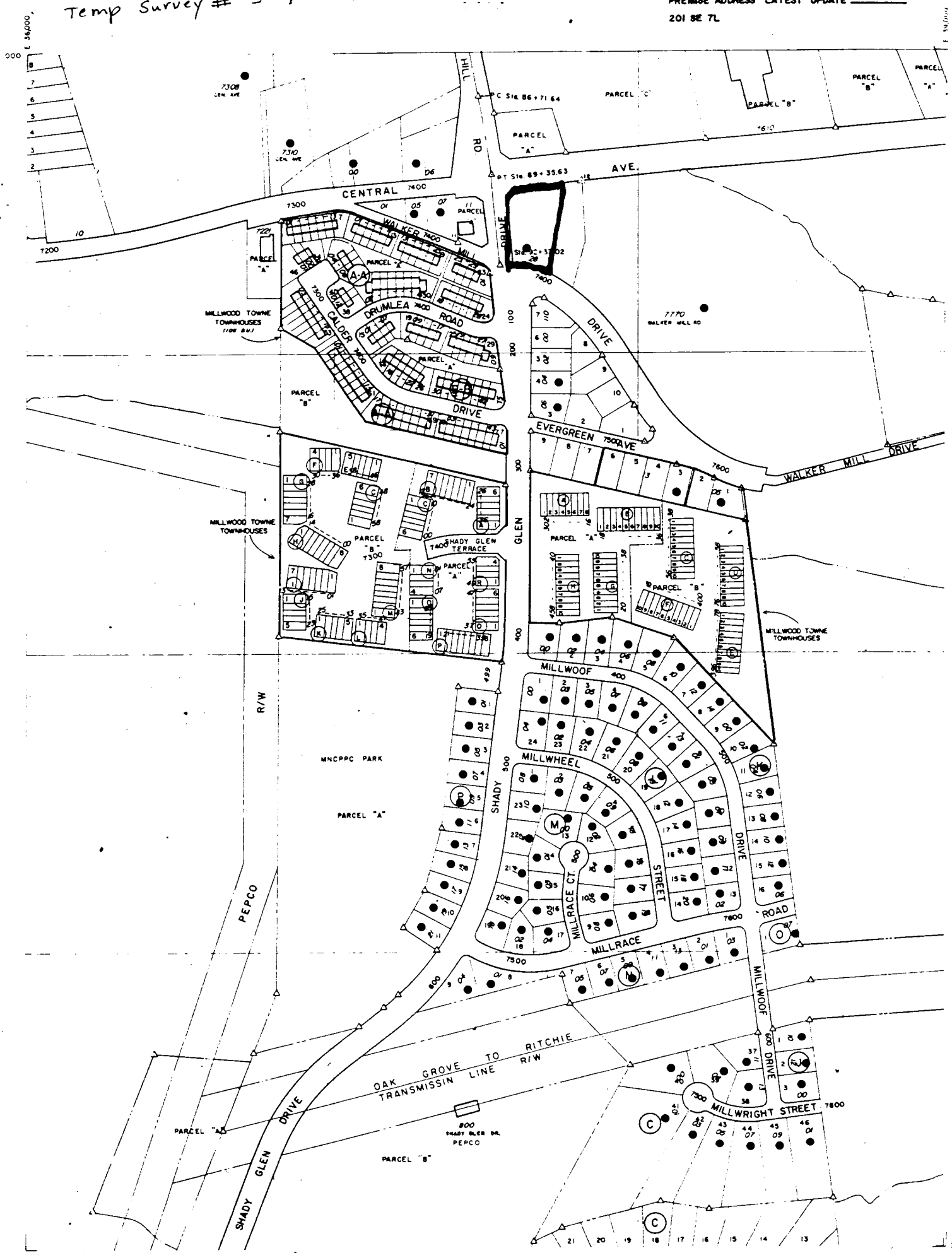
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View NE at front (west) and  
south elevations

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View NW at rear (east) and

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